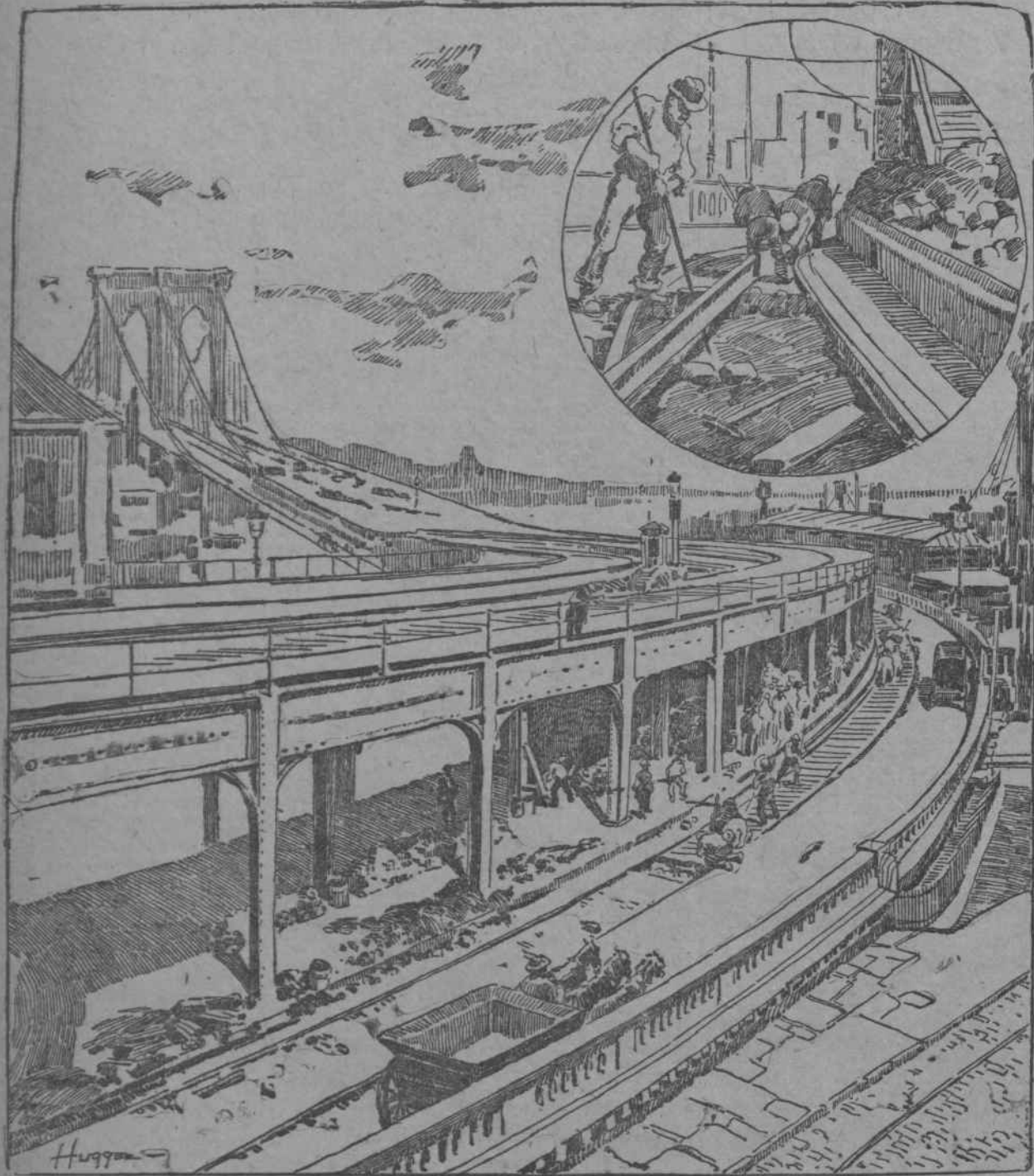


TROLLEY TRACK WORK ON THE BRIDGE IS PROCEEDING AT A RAPID PACE.



The Private Car Ampere, Belonging to President Rossiter, Yesterday Traversed the Few Hundred Feet of Rails Which Have Already Been Laid on the North Roadway.

THE first trolley car to run on the Brooklyn Bridge was started at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. It was the private car Ampere, belonging to President Rossiter, of the Brooklyn Heights Railroad. In the car were Mr. Rossiter, Bridge President Berri, Judge Goodrich, of Brooklyn; T. W. McWilliams and Colonel Williams. The car traversed the four hundred feet of track that had been laid up to that hour. The workmen are expected to lay 1,000 feet every twenty-four hours.

The work is being confined to the north roadway, from Sands street to the beginning of the span. When this is completed, which will probably be some time today, work will begin on the north roadway on this side of the river, then the two ends of the south roadway will be taken up.

The four approaches have a surface of Belgian blocks, resting on a concrete foundation. The method of laying the track is to remove the blocks and lay the nine-inch grooved rails, without ties and clamp them together with iron bands. The blocks are replaced and filled in with tar and pebbles. The roadways in the center of the span consist of two layers of planks. The top layer is being removed, and will be replaced with new planks.

The north roadway is now closed, and traffic both east and west is confined to the south roadway. The trolley company's men are attaching the iron arms and stretching wires as fast as possible. There are 300 men at work, who are divided into three eight-hour shifts.

If things continue to run as smoothly all through the progress of the work as they have so far, there is no doubt but that the cars will be running on December 1.

LOVED HIS GOLD BETTER THAN LIFE.

Indiana Farmer Tortured by Masked Robbers for Two Hours.

DRAGGED AT A ROPE'S END.

Brought Back to Life Again, and Again He Refuses to Give Up His Money.

Indianapolis, Oct. 15.—For two hours last night Adam Huffman, a farmer of Brimfield, a small town near this city, suffered frightful tortures at the hands of two robbers rather than reveal the hiding place of his money. At the end of that time the robbers, seeing that their tortures were futile, killed Huffman and escaped.

Huffman was one of the largest landowners in Northern Indiana, and was reputed to have much money concealed about his house, in which he lived with a hired man. The robbers, who are unknown, are supposed to have heard exaggerated stories of the hidden wealth and to have visited the house for the purpose of securing it. They entered the house by a rear window, and at once went to the room of the hired man, whom they overpowered with four revolvers. They beat him into insensibility and then bound and gagged him so that he would be unable to resist or sound an alarm.

Then they passed to the room of the farmer, where he had been aroused by the noise, and when they saw that he was awake, they held their revolvers at his head and demanded to know where the cash was concealed. He stoutly refused to tell and no threats could wring his secret from him.

"Where's the stuff?" demanded one of the robbers. "Tell us or we'll kill you!" Huffman was firm and again the men pulled away at the rope. This time an ex-courier brought the farmer to the door on his face, and the robbers, after kicking his head mercilessly, dragged him over the roof boards.

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GALLINGER TO SCHURZ.

The United States Senator Declares That the Cleveland Civil Service Order Was a Piece of Injustice.

Concord, N. H., Oct. 14.—According to United States Senator Gallinger, he has taken his last say at Carl Schurz in the civil service controversy that they have been waging. Among other things, he says:

"You make a great ado over certain utterances I have made regarding the Civil Service law. For instance, you say that I said 50,000 employees were placed under the protection of the law under the order of President Cleveland, while there were but 31,372. The statement I made was upon the authority of the leading newspapers of the country, and I am still of the opinion that it was nearer correct than the figures you give. But, as a matter of fact, it is utterly unimportant whether the number was fifty thousand or fifty."

"What I especially criticized was the fact that those persons were placed under the protection of the law without examination, a flagrant violation of every principle of justice and fair play. Under that order there are in office to-day in New Hampshire many persons who could no more pass a civil service examination than the Cardiff Giant could touch theology. You advised that a rule should be promulgated that would keep them there indefinitely."

"Fortunately for decent politics, two judicial decisions have been recently rendered against your view, and the controversy now in progress between the Secretary of the Treasury and the Civil Service Commission will doubtless end in a way not pleasing to you."

"You likewise make much noise over the fact that I said President Cleveland's last order was dated November 2, while you assert that it was issued in May. Now, do you not know that the rules under that order were dated November 2, so that the order was not an accomplished fact until that time. If it can be proven that it was not so, I will cheerfully withdraw the charge."

Senator Gallinger severely criticized Mr. Schurz for his attitude toward the Republican party.

SMALL FORTUNE FOR HIM.

Major George Butler, of Franklin, Ind., to Receive a Windfall of \$12,000.

Martinsville, Ind., Oct. 15.—Local authorities have been asked to find Major George Butler, for a Boston attorney, who wants him to draw his interest in an estate left some years ago. The amount coming to Major Butler is \$12,000. The estate was valued at \$1,000,000, and was left by an uncle of Mr. Butler. Major Butler was formerly proprietor of the Grand Hotel at this place and when he disposed of his business he was in debt several hundred dollars. He left here recently and nothing was heard from him until a few days ago, when he was located at Franklin, where he was going into the hotel business.

Jamaica Wants a Road Tunnel.

At the next meeting of the Jamaica village trustees the matter of building a tunnel under the Rockaway road crossing will be discussed. There are a dozen tracks at this point. Locomotives pass the crossing hundreds of times a day, and are a source of danger to pedestrians. The railroad officials will cooperate with the trustees regarding the proposed tunnel.

Postmaster Irving Kelley, of Queens, L. I., was taken into custody yesterday afternoon by a United States Marshal on the charge of being short in his accounts. It is alleged that on investigation the inspectors revealed a deficiency of \$1,200. His bondsmen, Peter and James Hendrickson and Gilbert Reed, are in charge of the post office.

Obstinacy Cost Him His Life.

Angered by his obstinacy, one of the robbers took out his knife and going to the old corded bedstead in the corner, cut off a long rope. He made a noose at one end and placed it around the terrified farmer's neck. Then both the robbers grasped the other end and pulled until Huffman's tongue hung out and he was black in the face. At this the robbers desisted long enough to throw water over their victim and bring him back to his senses.

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BAPTIST CHURCH A BIG BEEHIVE.

Park Avenue (Plainfield) Congregation's Worship Sadly Disturbed.

JANITOR AT HIS WITS' END.

Buzzing Swarm, Driven from a Stovepipe, Holds Possession of the Building.

E. S. Brokaw, janitor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church at Plainfield, N. J., has been aggravated time and again over the trials and tribulations that befall the caretaker of a big building, but just now he is in a plight and state of mind that is far from peaceful.

Janitor Brokaw is lying awake nights trying to devise some way in which he can drive a swarm of bees from the auditorium of the church, but as yet all his efforts have been fruitless and the buzzing honey-makers still hold the fort.

Last Saturday Brokaw started a fire in the furnace for the first time since last Spring. Subsequent events proved that a swarm of bees had taken up their abode in one of the big pipes in the upper part of the church. The heat soon became so in-



H. CLAY LEVY'S "NEWEST NECK UPHOLSTERY."



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Mrs. Seligman-Cutting's Teapot in Court.

It was introduced as an evidence-maker in the actress's suit against Theatrical Manager H. Clay Miner. Lawyer Abe Hummel, for the defense, objected to it, but was overruled by the Judge.

While the bees were driven from those quarters and came flying into the auditorium through one of the ventilating shafts. Their number and the size of the room made it impossible to drive them out. At both morning and evening services, Sunday, the congregation was kept in a state of siege by the humming bees. After the services Janitor Brokaw left all the windows and doors open, trusting that the bees would make their exit, but they didn't. It was out of the question for him to stay there all the following day, and so the invading host remained locked up in the church.

From the auditorium they invaded the smaller rooms, and when the prayer meeting opened Wednesday evening, the bees were there. Several of the attendants left on that account, and those who remained were kept lodging the insects until their necks were sore. All sorts of suggestions have been made to the sexton to get rid of the unwelcome visitors, but none has proved effectual as yet.

POINT FOR BELL COMPANY.

Western Union Must Have Its Suit Brought to Trial or Must Abandon the Present Litigation.

Boston, Oct. 15.—The Western Union Telegraph company must permit its suit against the Bell Telephone Company to go to trial or else abandon the litigation. The telephone company claims heavy damages on account of a contract by the terms of which it claimed to be entitled to a percentage of the earnings of the sub-companies of the American Bell telephone system.

The case was referred to Judge Lowell as master, and after hearing the case he prepared a draft report in favor of the Bell Company. Counsel on the other side, learning of this, moved to have his bill dismissed. This was granted, but the Court's action has been finally reversed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

CASHIER TRASK SET FREE.

The Prosecutor at Halifax Could Not Get the Witnesses He Wanted from the United States.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 15.—Willis A. Trask, the bank cashier of Wallingford, Conn., who had been arrested here on a charge of embezzlement, was brought into the County Court this morning. City Recorder MacCoy announced that he could not prosecute the case because he could not get the witnesses he wanted from the United States.

Trask's counsel moved for his discharge, and this being granted, his client walked out of the court room a free man.

WE MAY MAKE GOLD YET.

A California Chemist Declares That Its Manufacture from Silver is by No Means an Impossibility.

Berkley, Cal., Oct. 15.—Edmund O'Neill, associate professor of chemistry at the University of California, makes the claim that it is not impossible to produce gold from silver.

In a lecture delivered before the chemists of the University Science Association, on the "Transmutation of Metals," he declared the possibility of making gold from silver and asserted that there is an excellent basis to support the claim for the union of the metals. He added that the ultimate solution of the problem is an achievement that science is looking forward to.

Annie Wray Dies of Her Burns.

Annie Wray, the three-year-old daughter of Frank Wray, of No. 245 Bull's Ferry Road, Union Hill, N. J., who was so badly burned last Friday afternoon, died in St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, yesterday. The child's mother, who was badly burned while trying to extinguish the flames on her daughter's dress, is lying in the same hospital, but she will recover.

MINNIE SELIGMAN CUTTING'S TEA POT HUMS IN COURT.

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The first legal-dramatic tea party of the season was given yesterday morning by Mrs. Minnie Seligman Cutting, whose suit against Henry C. Miner for \$5,000 damages for alleged breach of contract is being tried before Justice Blachoff and a jury in the Supreme Court.

It was a delightfully informal affair, quite out of the ordinary in matters of litigation, and no invitations were issued except the injunction of the officer the day before, when court was adjourned, for all interested to be on hand at 10:30 a. m. To a few favored ones subpoenas had been sent, but otherwise it was free to every one.

Long before the hour for opening all the seats were taken, and by the time the Judge took his place there was "standing room" only.

The entertainment was given by Mrs. Cutting, under the auspices of her counsel, ex-Assistant District Attorney Wellman. Mr. Cutting brought the tea things in a big brown paper package.

Slowly and with splendid dramatic feeling, the husband of Mr. Miner's star-darling, who had been and was not unfrequently the subject of the tea things in a big brown paper package.

While they were having the steaming beer Mr. Hummel made his opening address to the jury. He urged it not to be influenced by a play actor and to find the plaintiff a woman, for, he remarked, she had shown herself to be the equal of any man in intellect, and had tried to "bunco" Mr. Miner, who was clever enough to hold his own ground with most men.

All this time Mrs. Cutting looked her usual placid and composed. She was dressed in navy blue canvas cloth lined with green silk, which gave a charming effect. Of course it had a Russian blouse tucked in these broad zones, and set off with a rippling jabot of blue chiffon against another of white down the front of the waist.

A white Brussels net cravat was knotted around her throat and fastened with a diamond brooch. Her sleeves, glued to her arms, had capes over them of green-lined blue, edged with a narrow knife plaiting of black satin, which also did duty for cuffs. She had a turban of tan velvet crushed into indescribable folds, was surmounted by an impossible bird—a partridge, with a tail built on the lines of a bird of Paradise, that curled over her back back in the latest and most approved style.

Harry Miner Questioned.

Mr. Miner took the witness stand and told of his acquaintance with Mrs. Cutting. "What did you meet her?" queried Mr. Hummel.

"In your office. You asked me as a favor to do what I could for her, as she had a play which must be performed soon else she would lose her American rights to it."

Mr. Miner told of a second meeting at the same place, after he found he could give her a week at his Newark Theatre. He related the conversation he had with her about terms.

"I told her the best I could do was to take the first \$1,000, let her have the next \$800 and share the balance equally." "I did not suit her. I told her I had to catch a train and if she decided to accept this arrangement to call on my representative in Newark, Colonel Morton, and he would make the contract."

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